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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA: OPPOSING THE CUBA EMBARGO
RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 182099

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires a.i. Gregory E. Phillips. Reasons: 1
.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) Charge delivered reftel demarche on November 6 to Engelbert Theuermann, the A/S-level head of the Austrian MFA's Human Rights Division.

¶2. (C) Theuermann confirmed that the EU approach "will not fundamentally change" -- EU members would vote in favor of the resolution, but to deliver a strong Explanation of Vote (EOV) on human rights concerns in Cuba. Theuermann said the human rights situation in Cuba was a matter of strong concern to the EU.

¶3. (C) Theuermann said there was "limited enthusiasm" in the EU for amendments. He said the fact that there were so many co-sponsors of the resolution meant that amendments might do more harm than good.
Phillips